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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: THE A. EPSTEIN COMPANIES, INC.

1. ON AUGUST 6, I VISITED THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND PACKING PLANT BEING ERECTED BY EPSTEIN AT RAWA MAZOWIECKA AND TALKED WITH SIDNEY EPSTEIN AND VICE MINISTER OCHAB. (IT WAS RAYMOND EPSTEIN WHO CALLED ON CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI.)

2. SIDNEY TOLD ME THAT THE POLES HAD NOW MADE ALL THE PROGRESS PAYMENTS THAT WERE DUE, EXCEPT ONE FOR \$100,000. HE SEEMED NO LONGER CONCERNED ABOUT THESE PAYMENTS. HIS CONCERN NOW IS CENTERED ON THE COMPANY'S CLAIMS FOR COST OVERRUNS. POLIMEX-CEKOP HAS NOW AGREED TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS CLAIMS WITH EPSTEIN. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AUGUST 12. FOLLOWING IT, SIDNEY WILL GIVE ME A REPORT.

3. DIRECTOR STANISZEWSKI OF POLIMEX-CEKOP TOLD ALEX HERTZBERG THAT A SETTLEMENT WOULD CERTAINLY BE REACHED, SINCE POLIMEX-CEKOP DID NOT WANT TO GO TO ARBITRATION. SIDNEY EPSTEIN IS CONCERNED AT THE PROSPECT OF HARD NEGOTIATION WITH POLIMEX-CEKOP.

4. I AM SURE THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TOUGH ON BOTH SIDES.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE TRANSMIT THE SUBSTANCE

OF THIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI AND TELL
HIM THAT I WILL LET HIM KNOW NEXT WEEK, AFTER SIDNEY
EPSTEIN'S DISCUSSION WITH POLIMEX-CEKOP, WHAT THE
NEXT STEP MIGHT BE.
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